ST JOHN

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S. Clement's Church, Philadelphia

20th Street, South of the Parkway

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Feast of S. John, Apostle & Evangelist

First Sunday after Christmas

Solemn Evensong and Benediction at 4:00 P.M.

ORGAN—*Noël: Or dites-nous Marie* .....*Pierre Dandrieu*

PSALM 111—*Confitebor tibi* .....*Tone iv*

FIRST LESSON .....Isaiah 6. 1-8

MAGNIFICAT—*Second Service* .....*William Byrd*

SECOND LESSON .....Revelation 1

NUNC DIMITTIS—*Second Service* .....*William Byrd*

CHRISTMAS ANTHEM—*Behold, I bring glad tidings* .....*Henry Purcell*

CAROL—Unto us a boy is born! .....No. 34

ORGAN—*Noël: Puer nobis nascitur* .....*Pierre Dandrieu*

Solemn Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament

HYMNS—O saving Victim, opening wide .....No. 209
Therefore we, before him bending .....No. 200

HYMN—O come, all ye faithful .....No. 12

ORGAN—*Noël: Une jeune pucelle* .....*Pierre Dandrieu*

S. Clement's Clergy House,
Philadelphia,
Christmas 1964.

My dear People of S. Clement's, both members and friends:

There is in our midst today a wonderful sort of spiritual resurgence, arranged seemingly by accident, but I cannot subscribe to there ever being accidents of the calendar. Eighty-eight years ago the Society of S. John the Evangelist came to Philadelphia to work in the growing Parish of S. Clement. The Parish was growing not only in numbers, but in its appreciation of the Catholic Faith, and in its courage to manifest this Faith through the liturgy. During the fifteen years that the Cowley Society was in charge of S. Clement's three of that Society were successively the Rector. Their troubles with diocesan officialdom were manifold indeed, and at least one of them was pushed into resigning from the rectorship.

Today is the feast of S. John the Evangelist,—the Cowley Fathers' feast of Title. Now, have you caught a glimpse of what I mean in my opening reference above to a spiritual resurgence? It is not a resurrection of the same identical difficulty,—but there is a similarity. Your present Rector has not been asked to resign. By no means,—and never allow that untruth to be said by anyone without his being corrected. This resignation is forced but not by any human being within this parish or without it. It is forced by physical health,—and that is all.

There is, I am sure, the same kind of dogged loyalty to Church and Priest as there was in the dark days of real persecution. Among you, my family and my friends, a strong loyalty to Church and Priest is manifest. Loyalty always stands out more sharply in troubled days than in easy-going days. The color white stands in much sharper contrast when it is against a black background than against a pale grey. Thus, today's unrest is a similar black background to that of the 1880s.

My strong conviction along this line includes the point that this Parish is now ready to go forward, proclaiming the Catholic Faith under the leadership of a young and dynamic Rector. We do not know at this juncture who he will be, but eventually he will be found. In the meantime you will be served by a temporary staff. You have demonstrated a high degree of patience with me during the much-too-long period I have continued as Rector although virtually out of constructive communication with you except by written word. You have happily tolerated a garbled reading of the liturgy and publicly spoken announcements. Of course, a large part of this tolerance has been based on your generous and even affectionate attitude toward me, built up during the earlier years of my rectorate. But I am ever so grateful to you for it.

It never is easy to say "Good-bye" and to use that phrase today would be an inaccuracy. I am not even moving out of town. We shall see each other, not often, but occasionally. All of your parochial loyalty and affection which you have poured upon me in various ways, now belong to my successor. Changes are often unpleasant at first, and a bit hard to get used to. But this type of change can be managed with rather a goodly amount of praying, and the action of your will.

One of my Christmas greeting cards carried the rather startling final phrase, in the donor's handwriting, "So long, See you in purgatory." Of course we'll be meeting in purgatory, but I am confident we shall see each other a few times before that happy day arrives. I do thank you; I thank you a million times for the kindnesses shown me without number.

Au revoir, Auf Wiedersehn, So long!

Faithfully your Rector,

William Everett

Kalendar: December 28 to January 3

Dec.

28. Mo. THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS. (*Com. of the Nativity*). Mass at 7 & 9:30.

29. Tu. S. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP & MARTYR. (*Com. as above*). Mass at 7 & 8.

30. We. WEDNESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY. Mass at 7 & 9:30. *The intention of all Masses today will be for happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed.*

31. Th. THURSDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY. (*Com. of S. Sylvester*). Mass at 7 & 8.

Jan.

1. Fr. THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
Low Mass at 8 & 9:30
SOLEMN MASS AT 11
No abstinence

The official conclusion of our
CENTENNIAL YEAR,
OBSERVING THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF
THE CONSECRATION OF S. CLEMENT'S CHURCH
The Sermon: The Reverend Canon Albert J. duBois
Executive Director of the American Church Union

Music at Solemn Mass:
MISSA FESTIVA by Marius Monnikendam
Choir of boys and men accompanied by
Organ, Trumpets and Trombones

This Mass was sung for the first time in this Parish Church at the initiating of our Centennial Year, one year ago today.

Deo Gratias!

NO FRIDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS OR
CONFESSIONS TODAY.

2. Sa. SATURDAY OF OUR LADY. Low Mass at 7 & 9:30. Confessions 4-5; 7:30-8:30.

3. Su. THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS. (*Commemoration of the 2nd Sunday after Christmas*). Low Mass at 8 & 9. Confessions at 7:30 & 8:45. Church School & Adult Class at 9:40, with breakfast. Solemn Mass & Sermon at 11.

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The ancient symbol of a triumphant eagle is said to have been the sign to St. John because he looked further into the mysteries of Heaven than that of any man.